

# Mazar Wildlife Reserve

## Resource Guide – La Libertad

### Elevation

La Libertad facilities are located at 2,900 m (9,514 ft).

### Weather

During the wet season of May to August the weather is very rainy, with rare sunny days. Daytime temperatures are 15-21°C (60-70°F). Nights are cool at 10°C (50°F). Rainy days feel colder because of the moisture.

During the dry season of September to April the weather is typically sunny with variable rain. Daytime temperatures are 21-26°C (70-80°F). Nights are generally 10°C (50°F).

### Accessibility / Road Conditions

A paved road exists between Cuenca and Rivera/Zhoray, located on the Mazar Highway. After this point, there is a gravel road with many potholes leading to the turn-off to La Libertad. The road up to La Libertad is a dirt road and often requires 4wd for access.

Camp access may be difficult during the wet season due to landslides blocking the Mazar Highway and muddy conditions on the La Libertad road spur.

### Facilities

- One soft-sided tent with kitchen\* and dining/meeting space – 1 gas stovetop.
  - Compact refrigerator (size used in most college dorm rooms) available in the dormitory. An assortment of pots, pans, plates, cups, and utensils are available for use.
  - Users must provide dishwashing soap, hand towels, garbage bags, etc.
  - Includes one white board and 2 bookshelves.
- One restroom – 1 shower with gas-powered hot water heater, and 1 sit-down toilet.
  - Users must provide toilet paper and garbage bags.
- One dormitory\*\* with 7 beds – 1 twin and 6 twin bunk beds, all with mattresses.

\*Be aware that there are field mice in the camp. Therefore, it is a good idea to safeguard your food by storing bags, etc in large plastic containers that the user must provide.

\*\* Most researchers prefer to camp in personal tents near the kitchen.

### Water

Running water is piped in through a spring for the kitchen and bathroom. ALL water must be purified before consumption. Recommended treatments include bringing the water to a rolling boil for five minutes, or using a water filter.

### Electricity

Electricity is available in the kitchen/meeting room tent, restroom, and dormitory.

### Heating

No heaters are available.

### Garbage Removal

It is the responsibility of each user group to remove all garbage as they leave the camp. To lighten your load and maintain cleanliness in the camp, it is highly recommended that garbage be taken to Cuenca each time you exit camp. Users must provide their own garbage bags.

## Cleaning/Maintenance

Users are expected to leave the field camp in a clean and tidy condition when they depart. This includes removing all garbage, and cleaning the stove, dining tables, and bathroom.

Users are expected to inform FCT during their next visit to Cuenca of any maintenance issues such as water leaks, etc.

## Gas

Gas for the stove and shower are supplied from propane gas tanks provided by the MWR. These are filled as needed by MWR staff.

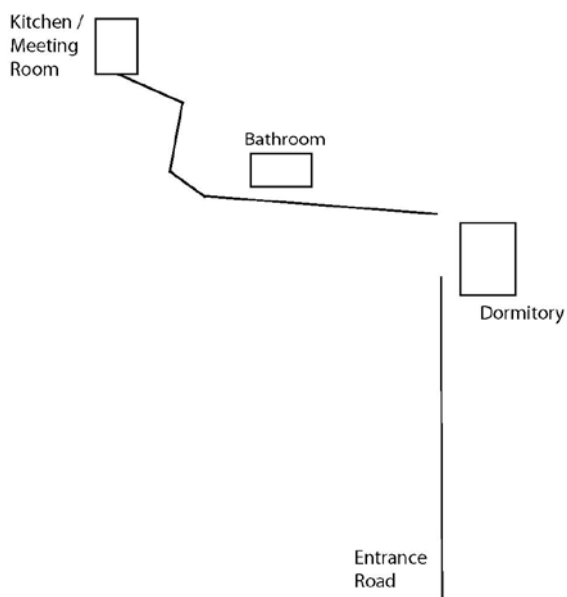
## Personnel

No onsite assistance is available in La Libertad. Local personnel may be contracted to assist with moving supplies, etc. See the MWR Application/Agreement for current rates. Questions should be directed to staff in the Fundación Cordillera Tropical (FCT) office.

## Cell Phone Reception

No cell phone reception is available at La Libertad. The closest reception is in Rivera/Zhoray on the sidewalk along the side of the building with the Buen Sabor Restaurant (now closed).

## Field Camp Map



*For general reserve information such as fee schedule, rules of use, recommended clothing, and road conditions, please see the "Mazar Wildlife Reserve General Information" document on the Fundación Cordillera Tropical website, [www.cordilleratropical.org](http://www.cordilleratropical.org).*